

# Winter-Spring PRESCHOOL LIVING AND LEARNING 2019





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#### LIVING AND LEARNING



Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St. Register online, or pay at the door.

# Banneker Carnival

Brighten your midwinter week with an indoor carnival! Bounce House, face painting, carnival games, colorful crafts, festive story time, and snacks await you in the Banneker gym! March 1 • For ages 2–10 yrs. w/parent.

Register by 3/1 • 175301-A

# Superhero Academy

Visit the Superhero Training Center in the Banneker gym and walk out ready to save the world! Create your own mask, develop your super powers through games of strength and agility, hear heroic tales, and enjoy a super snack.

May 10 • For ages 2–10 yrs. w/parent. Register by 5/10 • 175304-A

#### **Toy Time**

The Banneker Community Center is brimming with toys and activities for your child, and comfortable carpeting and seating for you! Activities are frequently provided by Banneker staff and community partners while the play room is open for free play. Participation is free, and registration is not required. There is no Toy Time when the Banneker Community Center is closed.

M-F • 9 a.m.-7 p.m. FREE • For ages newborn-5 yrs. w/parent. Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

#### **Preschool Story Hour**

Storybooks come alive on Monday mornings. Music, movement, and making new friends enhance the richness of children's literature. Crafts and hands-on activities extend the fun and learning. Participation is free, and registration is not required. There is no Preschool Story Hour on days when the Banneker Community Center is closed.

M 1/7-5/6 • 10-11 a.m.

FREE • For ages 2-5 yrs. w/parent. Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

#### **Baby Time**

This drop-in, half-hour snuggle and play time is set aside for you and baby. Sing, dance, wiggle, tickle, and read together, plus meet other adults with young children. Registration is not required.

W 1/9-5/8 • 11-11:30 a.m.

FREE • For ages 2 yrs. and under w/parent Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St. Does not meet 1/2, 2/6, 3/6, 4/3, and 5/1.

#### Preschool Garden Club

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard's garden educators visit the Banneker Community Center on Wednesdays this spring with free garden programming for preschoolers and parents. You and your child can explore Banneker's garden space and get your hands dirty doing preschool garden projects and arts and crafts while learning about food and gardening. This program is free, but registration is required.

W 3/27-5/15 • 10-11 a.m. • Register by 3/22 • 175302-A FREE • For ages 2–6 yrs. w/parent.

Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

### **SPORTS AND FITNESS**

#### **Physical Fridays**

Does your youngster have energy to burn? Visit the Banneker Community Center's "indoor playground" filled with balls, toys, and tumbling mats. When they are tired of running and jumping, Banneker's third-floor playroom is open for freetime play. Drop in to share active time with your child, and meet other families in the community. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

F 1/11-5/10 • 9:30-11:30 a.m. FREE • For ages 5 yrs. and under w/parent Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

#### EXCEL TAE KWON DO

This class focuses on coordination, discipline and selfconfidence in a fun and safe environment. Excel TKD is taught by Master Emeline O'Connor, a 4th-degree black belt with more than 20 years of experience.

Beginner—Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

1/8-2/21 • Register by 1/13 • 150212-A

Advanced—Tuesdays, 6:45-7:45 p.m. and Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

1/8-2/21 • Register by 3/10 • 150212-B

\$65 • For all ages.

Twin Lakes Recreation Center, 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.

#### **Turf Time for Toddlers**

The indoor turf field at the Twin Lakes Recreation Center provides you and your young child with ample space to run, play, and practice ball throwing, catching and kicking skills. This free-time play is parent or caretaker supervised physical play. TLRC staff does not supervise this area during the program and children cannot be dropped off without supervision. For more information, contact the TLRC at 812-349-3720.

Tu. Th • 9:30-10:30 a.m.

\$5, FREE for TLRC members • For ages 1–6 yrs. w/parent. Twin Lakes Recreation Center, 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.

#### **Basketball Future Stars**

Future Stars focuses on teaching preschool athletes beginning basketball skills such as dribbling, passing, shooting, playing defense, and playing as a team in fun environment. Parent participation is welcome and encouraged. Wednesday Future Stars is cancelled when MCCSC classes are cancelled.

Volunteer to instruct Basketball Future Stars! Apply online at bloomington.in.gov/parks/volunteer.

W 1/30-3/6 • 4:45-5:30 p.m. Register by 1/25 • 150303-A

\$50/in-city, \$55/non-city • For ages 3–5 yrs. w/parent. Twin Lakes Recreation Center, 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.



## **SPORTS AND FITNESS** (continued)

**Turf Tigers** 



Bloomington Soccer offers players age 4-5 yrs. an introduction to the world's most popular game. Visit bloomingtonsoccer.net for more information or to register.





Registration is ongoing at jumpstartsports.com. Lower Cascades Park. 2851 N. Old State Rd. 37. ballfields **Instructor: Logan Clevenger** 

#### T-Birds Tee Ball

Three- and 4-year-old tee ball players learn the basics of catching, fielding, throwing, and hitting, then apply what they've learned in fun, non-competitive games. Parents are encouraged to participate in the coaching and are provided practice plans and assistance with coaching young children. Sa 4/27-6/8 • 10 a.m.-noon

\$70 • For ages 3-4 yrs. w/parent.

#### **Rookie Baseball**

A fun introduction to coach-pitch baseball for 5- and 6-year-olds. Players receive instruction in all basics of the sport, and apply what they have learned in games. The games are non-competitive and no scores are kept. Players who are not able to hit a pitched ball will be able to use a tee while learning. Parents are welcome to assist. Each session includes instruction and game play.

Sa 4/27-6/8 • noon-1:15 p.m. \$70 • For ages 5-6 yrs. w/parent.

### LEARN TO RIDE

Spend the entire summer cruising on your bicycle after this Bloomington Bikes Month class. Beginning bike riders learn how to confidently and safely ride their bikes through individual instruction, and also learn about bike maintenance, road safety, and proper bike and helmet fitting. Each participant receives a free bike helmet and T-shirt, and must bring a bicycle without training wheels. Parents are encouraged to participate and must remain on site.

Tu-W-Th 5/6-5/8 • 5:30-7:30 p.m. Register by 5/3 • 175303-A \$35/in-city, \$40/non-city • For ages 6-12 yrs. w/parent. Sherwood Oaks Christian Church, 2700 E. Rogers Rd. southeast corner of parking lot

#### FRANK SOUTHERN ICE ARENA 2100 S. Henderson St. ICE INFORMATION HOTLINE: 812-349-3741

Rink Season: October 12-March 1

Regular Hours for General **Admission Public Skating** 

Monday through Friday: Noon-2:30 p.m.

**Friday:** 7-9 p.m.

**Saturday:** 1:30-3 p.m.

7-9 p.m. (Lunar Skating) 9:15-11 p.m. (Night Owl)

**Sunday:** 3-5 p.m. **General Admission: \$6** Skate Rental: \$3

New Skate Sharpening: \$10

**Skate Sharpening:** \$6 and \$7 (immediate service) **Economy Pass:** \$54 (10 sessions, excludes skate rental) Visit our website for holiday public skating hours.



Ice skating lessons for all ages and ability levels.

#### Session II

Eight 30-minute classes and eight 30-minute scheduled practice times

Thursdays: January 10-February 28 Fridays: January 11-March 1 Saturdays: January 12-March 2

\$75/in-city, \$85/non-city • Register by January 9.

812-349-3740 • bloomington.in.gov/skatingschool

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

#### MOVIES IN THE PARKS: WINTER EDITION

Bloomington Parks and Recreation and the Ryder Film Series present movies on the big screen. The movies have a rating of PG; we request your assistance in determining if they are appropriate for your family.

The Lorax (2012—PG) Friday, January 18 • 6 p.m. FREE admission



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Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

The Miahty Ducks (1992—PG) Saturday, January 26 • 1:30 p.m. Admission: \$6/person. \$3/skate rental

Frank Southern Ice Arena, 2100 S. Henderson St.

Experience our midwestern winter wonderland!

Saturday, February 9 · 2-5 p.m. Bryan Park, 1001 S. Henderson St.

Admission: \$5 Family pass: \$20



(provides admittance to Winter Palooza for up to five members of the same family)

Snowman Village ♦ Human Dogsled ♦ Snow Snake ♦ Yeti Hunt Snow Wars ❖ Snowshoe Course ❖ Snowball Slingshot ❖ Snow Cones S'mores ... and more great games, crafts, and activities!

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For all ages. • FREE Monroe County Public Library,

303 E. Kirkwood Ave.



### Saturday, March 23 1–4 p.m.

**Monroe Convention Center.** 302 S. College Ave. bloomington.in.gov/chexpo

Bloomington's favorite event for family fun!

For an afternoon of active games and take-home crafts, look no further than the Children's Expo! Parents with elementaryand preschool-age children have plenty of options to take part in interactive games and activities. While at the Children's Expo, take time to stroll through the Camp Fair and find the perfect summertime adventure for your child!



#### Keep the entire family active during Spring Break!

Zorb Ball • Jumbo Jenga and more giant games • Yoga Aerial Silks • Obstacle Course ... and many more lively games and activities!

Thursday, March 14 • 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Twin Lakes Recreation Center. 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd. • \$3/person